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16 December 1966

The Honorable J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Walt:

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After you informed me on 29 November 1966 of the possible indictment by the U. S. Attorney in Florida of Rolando Masferrer and others concerned in the plan to launch an expedition from Florida against President Duvalier of Haiti, I asked for a report on our knowledge of, or involvement in, this activity.

As you know, we have installations in the Miami area which utilize a variety of sensitive covers. The Chief of Station coordinates his activities closely with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and the Bureau of Customs of the Department of the Treasury and disseminates to those offices in the area pertinent intelligence information.

Our Station was well informed on the plans of Masferrer and his cohorts and disseminated this information in the normal manner. Part of this reporting included information that Masferrer and some of his associates repeatedly asserted that their plotting had been approved by the U. S. Government. On some occasions they stated this approval came from this Agency, and the other times they intimated that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had approved their actions. These claims were apparently used to persuade various persons, primarily Cuban exiles, some of whom formerly had contact with the Agency, to join the plot. It appears logical to assume that Masferrer would continue to claim that he had received what he interpreted to be U. S. Government approval of the scheme to overthrow President Duvalier, and if he has

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nothing more positive he can take the approach that he considered the U. S. Government tacitly approved his plot since it obviously knew about it and did not take any action against him.

For the record, it can be flatly stated that neither by statement nor by implication has the Central Intelligence Agency indicated to anyone that it approved or was supporting the plot. On the contrary, those who queried people they knew were connected with our Agency concerning possible participation in the plot were told that it had no U. S. Government backing whatsoever. Some of the plotters attempted to contact this Agency through various intermediaries, and the intermediaries were told that the Agency wished to have nothing to do with the undertaking and that any information concerning violations of U. S. laws should be passed to law-enforcement agencies, particularly the Bureau of Customs and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Technically, therefore, the Agency has stayed clear of the plotters, and we would be in a position to state that we had no connection with the plot and had given it no encouragement or backing of any sort.

As a practical matter, however, if prosecution were pursued, Masferrer, and perhaps other defendants, would probably claim that they had CIA backing and some might even believe it to be true. This might well lead one or more defendants to seek a subpoena duces tecum for an Agency witness and the Agency documentation on the subject. As noted above, the witness can testify to the fact that the Agency had in no way participated or encouraged the activity. If it proved impossible to quash the requirement for production of documents, however, we would be faced with a situation where we would almost certainly have to claim the documents were privileged on the grounds of security. Aside from the sensitivity of the reports and their possible compromise of sources, we would have the problem of identification of our personnel under cover and of protecting the sensitive cover arrangements.

The same is true to a lesser extent of action against Masferrer in connection with violations of his parole. In view of the flagrant and numerous violations which were actually known to and reported by Government agencies without any punitive action resulting, it would appear that he could make a plausible claim that the Government had at least winked at, if

not condoned, his activities. It would seem preferable to have him immediately put under a more stringent parole, perhaps with an accompanying requirement of bond. In the event he violated this new status, prompt action could be taken on those circumstances alone.

Sincerely,

s/

Lawrence R. Houston
General Counsel

cc: The Honorable David C. Acheson
Special Assistant to the Secretary
(For Enforcement)
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

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REF JMWAVE 4359 (IN 49628)

1. FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM GENERAL COUNSEL IN RESPONSE REF.

2. REF REPORT IS EXCELLENT AND VERY USEFUL IN CONNECTION OGC DISCUSSIONS WITH DEPT OF JUSTICE.

3. TECHNICALLY, ON FACTS STATED, THERE DOES NOT APPEAR BE ANY REASON WHY WOFACT SHOULD OPPOSE INDICTMENT AND TRIAL OF MASFERRER. THIS BASED ON GROUND THAT WE COULD REFUTE ANY CLAIMS MASFERRER AND HIS COHORTS MADE OF WOFACT SUPPORT. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS DOES NOT RECOGNIZE TYPE OF SITUATION WOFACT LIKELY GET INTO IF INDICTMENT IS BROUGHT. WOFACT LEARNED THROUGH EXPERIENCE THAT DEFENSE COUNSEL ONLY TOO EAGER CLAIM WOFACT PARTICIPATION AND APPROVAL AS PART OF DEFENSE, AND IT NOT DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO LAY ENOUGH BASIS FOR COURT TO ISSUE A SUPOENA DUCES TECUM REQUIRING PRESENCE OF A WOFACT

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WITNESS TOGETHER WITH ALL WOFACT DOCUMENTATION ON THE SUBJECT. IN THE BUFFALO B-26 CASE THIS WAS NOT TOO BAD AS ONLY DOCUMENTATION WAS FOUR REPORTS IN WHICH THE INFO WAS NOT SENSITIVE, AND JUDGE AGREED TO EXCISE SOURCE AND OTHER SENSITIVE INFO BEFORE PAPERS WERE INTRODUCED INTO EVIDENCE.

4. IN MASFERRER CASE A SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM WOULD REQUIRE PRODUCTION OF ALL DOCUMENTS WE HAVE WHICH TOUCH ON MASFERRER-HAITIAN PLAN AND ACTIVITY. OGC REASONABLY SURE WOULD NOT BE ABLE HONOR SUCH SUBPOENA, AND DEPT OF JUSTICE AGREES WITH OGC. IT MUST BE REMEMBERED THAT PROCESS OF SUBPOENA AND PRODUCTION OF RECORDS WOULD PROBABLY COME TO ISSUE BEFORE WOFACT WOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE EVIDENCE TO REFUTE THE CLAIM OF OUR PARTICIPATION. IF WOFACT REFUSED TO HONOR SUBPOENA, THE GOVT WOULD HAVE TO DROP ITS CRIMINAL CASE SO CHANCES SUCCESS ARE MINIMAL, BUT THE PROCESS WOULD DEVELOP EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY

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WHICH EXPERIENCE SHOWS WOULD BE MOSTLY UNFAVORABLE AND WHOLE PROCEEDING MIGHT WELL EXPOSE JMWAVE COVER AND OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

5. BASED ON OGC DISCUSSION OF ABOVE ASPECTS, DEPT OF JUSTICE FEELS INDICTMENT SHOULD NOT BE SOUGHT. ONE PROBLEM, HOWEVER, IS THAT CUSTOMS THINKS THEY HAVE HOT CASE AND WANT TO PURSUE IT. ACCORDINGLY, WITH AGREEMENT OF DEPT OF JUSTICE, OGC HAS TALKED TO DAVID C. ACHESON, DEPT OF TREASURY AND POINTED OUT PROBLEM. ACHESON IS LOOKING INTO IT AND OGC WILL PROBABLY CONTACT HIM IN NEXT FEW DAYS.

6. OGC STATES DOES NOT WISH HAVE JMWAVE BLAMED FOR INTERFERING WITH CUSTOMS CASE AND THAT JMWAVE CAN PUT THE FULL BURDEN ON OGC AND DEPT OF JUSTICE. OGC SUGGESTS, HOWEVER, THAT UNLESS JMWAVE IS APPROACHED BY CUSTOMS JMWAVE SHOULD MAKE NO MOVE UNTIL OGC GETS THINGS FIRMLY ESTABLISHED AT HQS.

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COUNTRY Haiti

REPORT NO. 00-B-321/19112-66

SUBJECT Proposed Invasion Cancelled

DATE DISTR. 30 Nov 66

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REFERENCES This report was previously disseminated as TD-00B-321/19112-66

DATE OF INFO. 23 Nov 66 and earlier

PLACE & DATE ACQ. --- 23 Nov 66

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

SOURCE: US national, soldier of fortune type with wide experience in Latin America. He is closely associated with Rolando Masferrer.

[This report was developed by a Navy representative assigned to the office of preparation.]

1. During the night of 22 Nov 66 a decision was reached to call off the proposed invasion of Haiti by the group sponsored by Rolando Masferrer. The invasion is off indefinitely.

2. Father Jean Baptiste Georges and Colonel Rene Leon have been arguing with Masferrer which has caused confusion and disorganization in the movement. Many Cubans scheduled to participate have pulled out and military chief Napoleon Villaboise (sic), a Cuban national and alleged military expert, has resigned because of dissension in the group.

3. It is believed that US Government agencies have infiltrated the movement and the leaders fear that all weapons and equipment would be confiscated if plans for the invasion proceeded.

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Thursday - November 17, 1966

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION between

Andrew St. George -- CBS photographer.
William G. Bowdler.

SUBJECT: Invasion of Haiti

Andrew St. George called me from Miami.

He said that he and the CBS film crew, headed by a Mr. McMullin (phonetic), were back in Miami to cover the departure this weekend of the expedition which Rolando Masferrer was organizing to invade Haiti. St. George claimed that Masferrer had recruited 300 men and arranged for the use of one B-25, two C-46s and a large boat. He said that all the preparations were so much in the open that it was evident that Masferrer and his Haitian colleagues had received the "green light". Recent events in Haiti, plus Masferrer's activities, were attracting a lot of newsmen to Miami.

I told St. George that he was mistaken about the "green light". We will not tolerate violation of our neutrality laws. Our enforcement agencies, whose duty it is to enforce these laws, will not permit what he described taking place. I wanted him and those with whom he was dealing to be clear on this point. He said he would inform Mr. McMullin.

William G. Bowdler

cc: Walt Rostow
Bill Moyers
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SUBJECT	Planned Invasion of Haiti between 5-13 Nov 66	DATE DISTR.	7 Nov 66
		NO. PAGES	1
		REFERENCES	This report was previously disseminated as TD-OOB-321/17879-66
DATE OF INFO.	28 Oct 66		CIRL C-DC6-52851
PLACE & DATE ACQ.	---1 Nov 66		

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SOURCE: US national with wide travel experience in Latin America. He speaks some Spanish, and has many social and business contacts in the Dominican Republic.

[This report was developed by a Navy representative assigned to the office of preparation.]

1. On 28 Oct 66 I spoke with Rolando Masferrer Rojas, a Cuban exile, and he told me that he has organized a military force of approximately 250 men to invade Haiti. The invasion force consists of Cuban and Haitian exiles residing in the US, the Bahamas, and the Dominican Republic. The invasion will probably be launched from the Dominican Republic sometime between 5 and 13 November and the target is Port-au-Prince. The invasion force will strike in the early hours of the morning selected. It is well armed, and will have air cover; the presidential palace will be bombed.

2. Masferrer stated that Eugene L. Maximilien, Haitian Consul in Miami, Florida, is aware of the invasion, but he has no knowledge of the invasion date. Maximilien is presently in Haiti informing President Duvalier that the invasion can be prevented by paying off $200,000 to Masferrer. Maximilien will return to the US on 3 November and he has agreed with Masferrer that if Duvalier agrees to the pay-off, Maximilien will receive $50,000 and Masferrer $150,000.

3. Masferrer told me that the invasion will take place in any event and the $150,000, if received, would be used to further support the invasion.

4. Masferrer stated that he met within the past 10 days with several dissident Haitian army officers and he had received their support. The Haitian army officers told Masferrer that they would revolt as soon as informed that the invasion had commenced. They do not know that the target will be Port-au-Prince; they believe that it will be in the cap Haitien area.

5. Masferrer stated that he was confident that the invasion will succeed, and if successful, Father Jean Baptiste Georges would be appointed provisional president. Masferrer stated that Colonel Rene Leon, Haitian exile, will participate in the invasion.

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SUBJECT	Alleged Plan by President Francois Duvalier to Have Anti-Duvalier Revolutionaries in Miami, Florida, Assassinated	DATE DISTR.	13 October 1967
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DATE OF INFO.	21 September 1967		
PLACE & DATE ACQ.	United States, Miami (26 September 1967)	FIELD REPORT NO.	UFG-9090

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SOURCE: Former Latin American diplomat who maintains relations with officials of Latin American countries. Source is a trained reporter and his information has been reliable in the past. He obtained this information from Aurea Esther Poggio.

1. On 21 September 1967 in Miami, Florida, Aurea Esther Poggio, Cuban emigre who is a secretary to Rolando Masferrer Rojas, said that plans had been made to assassinate persons linked with revolutionary movements in Miami opposing President Francois Duvalier of Haiti. Poggio said that the first such attempt was against Julio Aton Constanzo Palau on 17 September 1967.[1]

2. Poggio said that Masferrer's group was investigating the matter in an effort to find out who was carrying out the assassination plans for Duvalier.[2]

1. Field Comment: Constanzo, Cuban emigre, was among those indicted with Masferrer, former Cuban senator, and Father Jean Baptiste Georges, Haitian emigre, by a federal grand jury in Miami in February 1967 on charges of conspiring to launch an invasion of Haiti from the Florida Keys. No coverage of an attempt to kill Constanzo has been noted in the local press.

2. Headquarters Comment: According to TDCS-314/08728-67, about mid-1967 Duvalier instructed Andre Elie, Haitian Consul in New York, to keep close surveillance on Haitian exiles and to report all plans for invasions of Haiti.

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REPORTEDLY ANDREW ST. GEORGE, A FREE-LANCE PHOTOGRAPHER, HAD RECEIVED PERMISSION FROM MASFERRER TO MAKE A FILM FOR THE COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM CONCERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE MASFERRER GROUP WITH RESPECT TO AN INVASION OF HAITI TO BE MOUNTED FROM THE DR

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IN EARLY MAR 66 GONZALEZ, ELSILIA /201-
787753/ ACCOMPANIED SUBJ TO NYC THINKING
HE WOULD HELP LIBERATE CUBA BUT FINDING HIM
FALSE, SHE LEFT MASFERRER AND MOVED ABOUT
NYC LIVING WITH FRIENDS. MASFERRER STATED IN
APR 66 HE DID NOT TRUST GONZALEZ AND FELT
SHE WOULD RETURN TO CUBA

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REFERENCES: A. JMWAVE 3141 (IN 60617)

B. JMWAVE 3153 (IN 60931)

1. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON FUNK AND DUNKIN CITED PARAS TWO AND FIVE REF A AS FOLLOWS:

A. ADDRESS FOR ROBERT FUNK IS NEW YORK OFFICE OF CBS.

B. ADDRESS GIVEN FOR JOHN T. DUNKIN IS HIS CURRENT RESIDENCE. PRIOR MARCH 65 HE LIVED AT 215 TWELFTH STREET N.E. ATLANTA GEORGIA, WORKED FOR ATLANTA NEWS AS COPY READER AND HELD THIS JOB SINCE AUGUST 64. PRIOR TO THIS DATE DUNKIN WORKED FOR PALM BEACH POST.

2. FYI COORDINATOR FOR CUBAN AFFAIRS MIAMI REPORTED ON 22 SEPTEMBER THAT LOCAL LNWAPA HAD LOCATED AND STAKED OUT TWO BOATS BEING LEASED BY ROLANDO MASFERRER. ALLEGEDLY THESE BOATS WILL BE USED TO TRANSPORT ARMS TO LARGER MOTHER VESSEL LOCATED OFF FLORIDA COAST. ACCORDING LNWAPA CURRENT

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ARMS SHIPMENT EXPECTED TO BE AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED TONS AND WILL INCLUDE HEAVIER WEAPONS [illegible]

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TO: PORT AU PRINCE, JMWAVE, SANTO DOMINGO, SANTIAGO DE LOS CABALLEROS

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REF: JMWAVE 3153 (IN 00931)

1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION: ON 6 SEPTEMBER 1966, FREELANCE PHOTOGRAPHER ANDREW ST. GEORGE REPORTED FOLLOWING TO WILLIAM G. BOWDLER, ~~STATE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE~~ LATIN AMERICAN REFERENT ON ROSTOW STAFF AT WHITE HOUSE:

ST. GEORGE IS ON A CBS CREW FILMING A STORY OF GUNRUNNING FROM THE U.S. TO THE D.R. FOR USE AGAINST HAITI. CREW HAD COMPLETED ITS FILMING IN MIAMI AND SOON WOULD TRAVEL TO SANTO DOMINGO TO FILM OPERATION AT THAT END. ROLANDO MASFERRER AND MITCHELL WARBEL (PHONETIC) HAD PERMITTED ST. GEORGE TO FILM LARGE ARSENAL IN MASFERRER'S HOUSE IN MIAMI. WARBEL DESCRIBED AS A SOLDIER OF FORTUNE/ARMS MERCHANT FROM ATLANTA WHO ASSISTING MASFERRER IN ACQUIRING ARMS. WARBEL SUPPOSEDLY RESPONSIBLE FOR SEIZURE OF MANUEL RAY'S VESSEL "VENUS" WITH ARMS ABOARD IN DOM REP. PLOTTERS PLAN TO USE BEATA ISLAND AS BASE. ARRANGEMENTS IN DOM REP BEING HANDLED THROUGH SANTIAGO REY, MARTINEZ ARANA

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AND OTHERS. PRES BALAGUER HAS GIVEN NOD TO OPERATION.

2. BOWDLER EXPRESSED DOUBT TO ST. GEORGE CONCERNING BALAGUER'S COMPLICITY AND ASSURED ST. GEORGE THAT U.S. LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WOULD TAKE NECESSARY ACTION.

3. ON 20 SEPTEMBER, RELIABLE SENSITIVE SOURCE REPORTED THAT XX ROLANDO MASFERRER MADE AN OFFER TO A COMMUNICATIONS MEDIUM OF ADVANCE STORY OF AN INVASION WHICH HE PLANNING, ON CONDITION THAT STORY BE HELD UNTIL AFTER ACTION STARTS. IN MAKING OFFER, HE REFERRED TO HIS SALE TO CBS OF FILMS OF HAITIANS BEING TRAINED FOR INVASION.

4. HQS REALIZES THIS PROBABLY ANOTHER IN LONG LINE OF RUMORS OF INVASION OF HAITI BUT REQUESTS STATIONS WATCH THIS MATTER EVEN IF ONLY REALITY INHERENT THEREIN IS THAT MASFERRER IS ENGAGING IN SELF-PROMOTION SCHEME.

5. FOR PORT AU PRINCE: PLS INFORM AMBASSADOR OF ABOVE.

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6. FOR SANTO DOMINGO: SUGGEST COS BRIEF EMANTHEM-1 ON ~~OBJECTIVES DISCUSSED~~ SUBSTANCE OF ABOVE DURING ~~NEXT PREMIER BRIEFING.~~ NEXT MEETING.

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WH COMMENT: REPORT OF MASFERRER CLAIM THAT SMALL FORCE WILL LEAVE BY BOAT FOR DOM REP TO SET UP BASE FOR SUBSEQUENT ATTACKS ON HAITI AND CUBA, AND THAT HE HAS SUPPORT OF DOMINICAN GOVERNMENT.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Liaison Meeting with FBI New York Agent Frank O'Brien

1. At 1500 hours on 13 September, Ken Millian and I met with FBI Cuban specialist Frank O'Brien at a cafe/coffee shop at 72nd St. and 3rd Ave., two blocks away from the Bureau's New York headquarters. I had arranged the meeting by telephone from Washington and advised O'Brien that I wanted to review and coordinate a number of items with him. I also informed him that I would be accompanied by Millian, a colleague interested in the Cuban UN Mission.

2. The meeting opened at an easy pace with an uninhibited review of happenings of mutual interest: O'Brien noted that in his view the Cubans at the Mission had been relatively inactive and had not recently been involved in subversive activities of any magnitude. He reviewed FBI coverage of as yet not fully explained purchasing activity by Mission personnel which included procurement from various New York area military surplus outlets of ponchos, leggings, and other similar equipment. He implied that in the process of covering the activities, the Bureau had acquired a substantial amount of surplus equipment itself but he didn't provide details and we didn't pursue the matter.

3. He noted that blanket Bureau coverage of the activities of Rolando Masferrer was continuing and that he occasionally talked with Masferrer by telephone or in person. He indicated that the Bureau was intimately aware of efforts on the part of Masferrer and other Cubans both in New York and Florida to procure arms in the U.S. and position them in the Dominican Republic. He reported that an attempt to move a shipment of such arms from the Florida Keys to the D.R. currently was underway and that the U.S. Customs Service was alerted to move in at the appropriate time to confiscate the material. (Although acknowledging Masferrer's gangster background, O'Brien complemented him on his intelligence and efficiency and indicated that Masferrer was one of the ablest Cuban refugees he had met.)

4. O'Brien also surfaced his current contact with former Rebel Army Captain Raimundo F. Antonio de la Torre y

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Ugarte, 81-11 Pettit Ave., Elmhurst, Long Island, tel. NR 2-5487. De la Torre apparently is involved with Cuban refugees in the U.S. who are attempting to re-establish the 26th of July Movement here in the United States minus the Communist implications contributed by Fidel. O'Brien apparently is impressed with De la Torre's sincerity and ability and believes that De la Torre should be of interest to us. De la Torre has until recently stayed away from exile activities and according to O'Brien is pushing the revitalized 26th of July idea by personal contact rather than make any splash. According to O'Brien De la Torre is now operating a successful painting business and at one time held a good position with Union Carbide International. In conversations with O'Brien De la Torre has been critical of CIA. When queried O'Brien indicated that De la Torre's only real gripe was the Bay of Pigs. (C/O note: We should look into De la Torre to see if he could be used in any revitalized effort abroad to establish lines of access to non-Communist 26th of Julyers still in Cuba - Carlos Franqui etc.) We indicated that we would evaluate information available to us and discuss De la Torre with him again in the future.

Franqui a weak character now working on Fidel's bio. CWe.

5. Note: O'Brien has been working the Cuban target in New York for over ten years and is impressively conversant with the subject. It is, therefore, sometimes difficult to stay with him when he covers various complicated subjects with abbreviated statements, e. g., during subject meeting, he alluded to one Miguel Morales, the former husband of Nellie Barletta, daughter of Batista's ambassador to Argentina Amleto Barletta. He apparently feels there may be mileage in Morales. We will, therefore, review Morales, Barletta, et al, and resurface the subject with him when time permits.

6. The two principal action items on my agenda were the coordination of my planned luncheon meeting with photo-journalist Lee J. Lockwood (201-78771), and discussion of NEKNIFE, who allegedly was interviewed by the Bureau in New York several years ago. O'Brien advised me that he had reviewed their Lockwood file and talked with the Bureau agent responsible for the Lockwood "case". He stated that he had not uncovered any derogatory information on Lockwood and saw no reason to prevent my meeting with him. I told him I would advise him of my meeting arrangements with Lockwood when they were firm and that I would brief him after the meeting was over. (It is of interest to note that during my briefing of O'Brien on the morning of the 16th, the day following my luncheon with Lockwood, O'Brien noted that some of his superiors in Washington thought Lockwood was an opposition (sic) "spy". When I asked if there was anything to support this

theory, O'Brien said absolutely not, it was pure speculation.)

7. O'Brien checked the Bureau's New York indices on NEKNIFE but without success. If he was in fact interviewed by the FBI in New York there apparently was no record of it. I told him that NEKNIFE was expected in New York City in late September to visit his daughter and son-in-law and that we probably would attempt a meeting with him at the time. He had no objection.

8. Specific items of business concluded, we moved into a general and historical discussion of the Cuban Mission to the UN, which was the main purpose of Millian's attendance at the meeting. Recent changes in Mission personnel, including the assignment of Ricardo Alarcón Quesada (201-347590) as Ambassador, were discussed and itineraries of Cubans arriving for the General Assembly were noted. Early in the conversation, O'Brien surfaced his long term contact with Cuban UN Advisor and Alternate Representative Antonio de Souza Carvajal (201-354048), a friend of Cuban Foreign Minister Raúl Roa, who has served the Cubans in New York for the past ten years or more and has been with the Cuban Foreign Service for 40 years. The Souza subject was not new to me, since O'Brien had brought it up in conversations I had with him earlier this year. I did not choose to pursue the subject with him at that time, however, without first reviewing all implications of the case with Agency officials in Washington. O'Brien indicated no interest in Miguel Juan Alfonso Martínez (201-354041), Counselor at the Mission, whom we suspected they might be in contact ~~with~~.

9. O'Brien's eagerness to discuss the Souza matter seems to imply that he is deeply interested in it and may suggest that he is not satisfied with results thus far obtained. At one point he indicated that his headquarters was not at all happy with the take from Souza. He reviewed the history of the contact with complete candor beginning with his initial contacts with Souza in the mid/late 1950's when O'Brien had open access to the Cuban Mission in New York and was a frequent visitor there. From his description, Souza would appear to be a thoroughly experienced and skilled diplomat who has survived the numerous changes in the Cuban government because of his friendship with Roa and other influential Cubans, and because of his ability to implement effectively for the Cubans the more subtle diplomatic maneuvers required by membership in the UN community. In fact, O'Brien feels that the Cubans utilize Souza exclusively on these latter duties and tend to exclude him from high level matters involving political, military, or economic policy.

This, according to O'Brien, accounts for Souza's inability to provide information of real value. O'Brien did indicate, however, that the usual P.I. requirements had no punch. He cited, for example, the requirements after Souza's return from Hawaii, which in effect amounted to: What's new?

10. Despite the long history of the Souza contact, O'Brien is not now meeting with Souza in person. Souza feels that O'Brien is too well known in the Cuban community in New York and even the most elaborate contact arrangements would not be free of danger. Souza also shys away from talking on his home phone for fear that it may be tapped. O'Brien can, however, telephone Souza and lay on alternate telephone or even meeting arrangements. We did not establish the frequency of O'Brien's current contacts with Souza nor did we establish at what point in the history of the contact the decision was made to dispense with personal meetings; the nature of our meeting with O'Brien did not permit elaborate and detailed questioning. He did recount, however, an interesting aspect of the case which followed from the fact that a State Department security officer assigned to New York, (fnu) Swazey, occupied the apartment directly above Souza during his tour in New York and became quite friendly with Souza. O'Brien apparently used Swazey as an informal go-between on the case. (Should we choose to pursue the Souza lead, an attempt perhaps should be made to locate and debrief Swazey with O'Brien's concurrence. Note: This could be Anthony Clinton Swezey, DOB 9 August 1913, who was Special Assistant to Secretary General of U.S. Mission to UN 1946 to 1947. In 1963 he was First Secretary, FSO-2, in Paris.)

11. It is difficult at this point to identify with accuracy the true nature of O'Brien's tie with Souza. Based upon O'Brien's comments, it does not appear that Souza should be classified as an "agent" of the Bureau in the classical sense, particularly at this point when there apparently are no formal arrangements for contact, no remuneration or even instructions given, and apparently no reports received from Souza. It is probable that a critical point in this operation was reached about three years ago when, according to O'Brien, Souza talked about his advancing age (now 65), his retirement equities with the Cuban government, and his financial needs in general. O'Brien thought that Souza was looking for guarantees which would provide for his future should he choose to cooperate fully and ultimately be surfaced and forced to forego his retirement and remain in the U.S. O'Brien apparently presented Souza's case to his superiors but was unable to generate any substantial enthusiasm. He stated they were not willing to give Souza a stipend. The

Bureau's position, both then and now, apparently is that Souza has little potential as an asset for internal security matters and therefore would not justify any substantial financial obligation. In very low key, it was made clear to O'Brien that the Agency was interested in Souza's Positive Intelligence potential (his access in Havana should be good, given his long friendship with Roa and his closeness to María Celia Girona Fernández (201-327421), cousin of Celia Sánchez Manduley) and well might find justification for providing modest security for Souza's old age.

12. Throughout our conversation it appeared clear that O'Brien was of the opinion that there may be a role for the Agency in the Souza operation. We asked him, therefore, whether or not he felt Souza may still be interested in feathering his nest and, if so, if it would be bureaucratically possible to get word to Souza that such a possibility existed. O'Brien felt that Souza would still be interested and he was of the opinion that he could get the point across to Souza via double talk in a telephone conversation. This approach was accepted and it was agreed that O'Brien would advise us of the results after the call was made. If prospects appeared encouraging, it was agreed that we would then get together again to discuss the next step which might entail arranging direct contact with Souza. O'Brien noted that Souza lives in Jackson Heights and usually drives to work. Possibly a contact could be arranged somewhere along the route. The foregoing generally covers the extent of our discussion regarding Souza. When I met with O'Brien again on 16 September just prior to my departure for Washington, I requested that he not take any action on the Souza case in our behalf until he heard something further from me.

13. During our meeting we reviewed other members of the Cuban Mission with particular reference to DGI types. O'Brien noted that Chafik Homero Saker Zenni (201-335014) undoubtedly is the senior member of the DGI group but even so he was not thought to be particularly active. He reported that Saker had been in contact with Lee Lockwood (see above) on several recent occasions but nothing was known of the nature of the meetings. He also noted that the Bureau was in contact with Saker's Cuban girl friend in New York City whom they had just traced without surfacing any derogatory information. She is cooperating and the Bureau is optimistic about her potential. He did not provide the girl's name but indicated that we should hear about her shortly through channels. O'Brien also acknowledged that the Bureau has a penetration of Prensa Latina in New York. He did not provide the name or any details but on the basis of his comments we pre-

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sumed it to be Francisco V. Portella (201-281963). It would be helpful if we could obtain additional details on both these latter cases.

14. Without prompting, O'Brien surfaced the AMBIG-3 double agent case. He noted that he had been involved to a degree and actually was present at the hotel bar in downtown New York when the agent made his meet with the Cuban case officer. O'Brien, accompanied by at least one other Bureau man, reported that AMBIG-3 winked at them while passing close by them at the bar on one occasion. O'Brien took this to mean that AMBIG-3 presumed that O'Brien and his friend were Bureau men assigned to surveil the meeting. O'Brien also stated that after his meeting with his Cuban DGI contact, AMBIG-3 called for an emergency meeting with the Bureau and they gave him $200.

15. It was close to 2000 hours before our meeting terminated. We parted on a cordial note with agreement reached that we would talk soon again when some of the material discussed had been further sifted.

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION September 6, 1966

SUBJECT: Andrew St. George -- free lance photographer now working with CBS

Mr. St. George came to see me at his request. I have known him from the time that he went to Cuba in the late fifties to film the Castro movement.

He said he wanted to see me as an old friend to tell me that CBS is filming a story of gun-running from the U.S. to the D.R. for use against Haiti. He is working with the CBS crew.

Mr. St. George said that the CBS team had completed its filming in Miami and in the near future would be travelling to Santo Domingo to film the operation at that end. He claimed that in Miami Rolando Masferrer and Mitchell Warbel (phonetic) had permitted him to film what he described as a large arsenal in Masferrer's house.

In response to my question about the identity of Warbel, he said that he is a soldier-of-fortune - arms merchant type from Atlanta who is working with Masferrer in the acquisition of arms. St. George claimed that Warbel had been responsible for the seizure of Manuel Ray's vessel "Venus" in the Dominican Republic and the acquisition of the arms (mostly sub-machine guns) which were on board.

St. George stated that the base in the Dominican Republic was on Beata Island. Arrangements in the DR are being handled through Santiago Rey with Martires Arana and others whom he did not name. St. George said that Balaguer had given his nod to the operation. I told him that I did not believe there was any truth to this latter point as President Balaguer has recently normalized diplomatic relations with Haiti and is not interested in foreign adventures of this type.

In closing, St. George said he had come to see me because he believed that someone in the United States Government should know about the gun-running and the CBS film. I told him that our law enforcement agencies

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were aware of Masferrer's past activities and would take whatever action is necessary to prevent violation of our laws. On the film, I told him that I seriously doubted whether an objective treatment of the facts of Haitian and Cuban exile efforts would add up to the type of story he described. Therefore, I questioned the wisdom of making such a film. He responded that the facts were quite different from what I thought.

William G. Bowdler

cc - Mr. Rostow
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Mr. Robert Sayre, State - ARA
Mr. Edward T. Long - State/ARA-CAR
Mr. Robert Stevenson - State/ARA-CCA
Ambassador John Crimmins - Embassy, Santo Domingo.

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Re- Rolando Arcadio Masferrer
Rojas

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8 July 1966

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: The Activities of Rolando MASFERRER Rojas

1. Reference is made to a memorandum from this office, Subject: Plot to Overthrow Haitian Government, dated July 6, 1966, concerning a visit to a farm in the Atlanta, Georgia area by an informant who witnessed the loading of arms at the farm for shipment to temporary cache sites in homes in Miami and Coral Gables, Florida; the pickup of arms from these homes; their transfer to small boats already on trailers; and the offloading of latter at Miami River docking sites for shipment to Santo Domingo and ultimate sites on the Haitian Coast. While the information below may not be related to the incident reported in reference, the similarity of the two reports merits attention.

2. A friend of Rolando MASFERRER Rojas told a usually reliable source of this office that on 27 June 1966 MASFERRER went to a house in Miami where 200 firearms were stored. He was accompanied by two American newsmen, one of whom was a photographer. The arms were removed from the premises by agents of MASFERRER whose faces were covered. The American photographer took photographs during the removal of the arms.

3. The same usually reliable source of paragraph two reported in conjunction with the above that as of early July 1966, action groups such as the Second National Front of the Escambray, ALPHA-66, Comandos-L, and Los Pinos Nuevos, possessed only small quantities of arms. The only substantial amount of arms in the area was in the hands of MASFERRER.

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DOI: 13-14 JUNE 1966

SUBJECT: PLANS OF ROLANDO MASFERRER ROJAS, FORMER CUBAN SENATOR, FOR ACTION AGAINST HAITI FROM THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

ACQ: UNITED STATES, MIAMI (16 JUNE 1966) UFG-8382

SOURCE: FORMER LATIN AMERICAN DIPLOMAT WHO MAINTAINS RELATIONS WITH OFFICIALS OF LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. HE IS TRAINED REPORTER AND HIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN RELIABLE IN THE PAST.

1. ON 13 JUNE 1966 IN MIAMI, FORIDA, ROLANDO MASFERRER ROJAS, FORMER CUBAN SENATOR, SAID THAT HE HAD REVISED HIS PLANS FOR ACTION AGAINST PRESIDENT FRANCOIS DEVALIER OF HAITI TO INCLUDE THE COOPERATION OF SANTIAGO REY PERNA. REY HAD SAID THAT MASFERRER WOULD BE ALLOWED TO TAKE A VESSEL WITH SIX OR SEVEN MEN TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AFTER JOAQUIN BALAGUER IS INSTALLED AS PRESIDENT

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OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IN JULY. MASFERRER, HIS COUSIN ANTONIO ROJAS MASFERRER, AND ATON CONSTANZO PALAU WOULD BE AMONG THOSE ON THE VESSEL.

2. (FIELD COMMENT: REY, A CUBAN EMIGRE WHO WAS A CABINET MINISTER UNDER FULGENCIO BATISTA ZALDIVAR, WENT TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IN APRIL TO ACT AS AN ADVISER TO BALAGUER DURING THE ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN. IN MIAMI IN MID-JUNE, HE REPORTEDLY PLANNED TO RETURN TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. SEE ALSO UFG-8378, WHICH REPORTED THAT ACCORDING TO REY HE HAD BEEN OFFERED THE USE OF A FINCA IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC FOR ANTI-CASTRO GUERRILLA TRAINING. ANOTHER SOURCE, WHO HAS BEEN RELIABLE IN THE PAST, REPORTED THAT REY WAS CONFERRING WITH ROLANDO MASFERRER AND ANTONIO ROJAS ON 14 JUNE. CONSTANZO PALAU, CUBAN EMIGRE IN MIAMI, HAS BEEN REPORTED EARLIER AS INVOLVED WITH ROLANDO MASFERRER IN PLANS FOR ANTI-DUVALIER ACTION.)

3. MASFERRER ASSERTED THAT IN ORDER TO MISLEAD AUTHORITIES OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT (USG) AND THUS PREVENT INTERFERENCE, THE GROUP ON THE VESSEL WOULD

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GO TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC OSTENSIBLY AS REVOLUTIONARIES AGAINST FIDEL CASTRO RUZ. HE ADDED THAT AS ANOTHER PRECAUTION AGAINST D FFICULTIES WITH THE USG, THE GROUP WOULD NOT USE UNITED STATES ARMS OR ATTEMPT TO TRANSPORT ARMS FROM THE UNITED STATES. MASFERRER SAID THAT HENRI VIXAMAR HAD ARMS ELSEWHERE, AND THAT THE ATTACK AGAINST HAITI WOULD BE LAUNCHED FROM THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

(FIELD COMMENT: ACCORDING TO SOURCE, MASFERRER DID NOT YET HAVE VESSEL. VIXAMAR, A HAITIAN EMIGRE WHO HAS BEEN RESIDING IN CANADA SINCE MID-APRIL, HAS BEEN DESCRIBED EARLIER AS IN CHARGE OF THE PLANS FOR ACTION AGAINST DUVALIER.)

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DOB : ?
POB : ?
CIT : ~~Prob~~ USA ?
OCC : Unknown. Emissary of Rolando MASFERRER [illegible] was to go to Subj's office in Miami re anti-DUVALIER [illegible]nning.

NAME: *JOHNSON, Vernon No 201
SEX : M
DOB : ?
POB : ?
CIT : ~~Prob~~ USA ?
OCC : Arms runner; dealer in military equipment. In touch with emissaries of Rolando MASFERRER Rojas re anti-DUVALIER planning. Subj is Negro.

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COUNTRY	Haiti/Cuba	REPORT NO.	CS DB-312/01605-66
SUBJECT	Further Developments in Plan for Action Against the Haitian Government	DATE OF REPORT	17 May 1966
		NO. PAGES	2
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DATE OF INFO.	27 April - 6 May 1966		UFG-8288
PLACE & DATE ACQ.	United States, Miami (11 May 1966)		

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SOURCE: A member of a group of Cuban emigres trained in the techniques of information collection. The group has provided useful reports since 1961.

1. On 27 or 28 April 1966, in New York, Rolando Masferrer Rojas, former Cuban senator who has been involved in plans for action against President Francois Duvalier of Haiti, received a letter from the Haitian who is heading the operation against Haiti. The Haitian instructed Masferrer to send a trusted person to the office of Bill Harris, 7150 N.W. 27th Avenue, Miami, Florida, to talk with Vernon Johnson, a Negro. The Haitian described Johnson as a trustworthy person who would be in charge of getting arms. Under no circumstances was Masferrer's ~~emisarry~~ emissary to talk with anyone else.

2. Antonio Rojas Masferrer, Rolando Masferrer's cousin in Miami, contacted Johnson, who said that he had in the Miami area all the equipment and arms needed for the operation ~~was only awaiting the orders to~~ release them.

3. Rojas and Enrique Masferrer Rojas, Rolando Masferrer's brother, asked a son of Cesar Camacho Coveni, who was Minister of Justice in Cuba under Fulgencio Batista Zaldivar, to investigate Johnson. Camacho's son, who conducts private investigations, reported later that Johnson is an arms runner who also deals in military equipment.

ment. Rojas said he had also been able to learn that although Johnson dressed in a suit and necktie he lived in a small, cheap room in one of the poor, Negro sections of Miami.

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4. After writing the letter, the Haitian visited Rolando Masferrer in New York, brought to him equipment worth $2,000, and told him to be patient, for the operation against Haiti would be accomplished.

5. On 6 May Antonio Rojas Masferrer received a long-distance telephone call from the Haitian, who was in Canada. According to Rojas, the Haitian had told him that when Duvalier goes to Argentina he will not return to Haiti.[3] Rojas added that the United States Government knows this; that some of the Ton Ton Macoutes (Duvalier's personal police) were already giving up their jobs and others had been killed in the streets. The United States Government therefore fears that the Communists may take over in Haiti.

6. ~~Rolando Masferrer was concerned about the~~

6. Rojas said that Rolando Masferrer was worried about the lapse of time in initiating the Haitian operation and feared that the plan might never materialize. However, ~~Rojas felt that if the Haitian plan did not work out,~~ the arms, which would have supplied about 150 men, could be used in attacks against Cuba.

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Field Comments:

1. Source gave the Haitian's name as Vicemart (sic). Henri Vixamar, who has been identified earlier as the Haitian in charge of the anti-Duvalier plan, is undoubtedly the person referred to. Vixamar left Kingston for Toronto by air on 12 April. For two related reports, see ~~UFG-8276~~ and ~~UFG-8281~~ CS-[illegible]-1431-66
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2. The telephone directory for the Greater Miami area lists Central Truck Sales at this address.

3. Duvalier has announced that he will attend a meeting of heads of State scheduled to be held in Buenos Aires in July.

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SOURCE: AMOT Source Raul ARANGO de la Noval, in EE-5185, 27 April 1966. ARANGO got the information from Enrique MASFERRER Rojas on 26 April. Please substitute the dissemination number where UFG 8225 is cited in the field comments.

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COUNTRY: Haiti/Cuba

SUBJECT: Further Activities of Rolando Masferrer Rojas

DOI : Late April 1966

PADA : United States, Miami (27 April 1966)

SOURCE : A member of a group of Cuban émigrés trained in the techniques of information collection. The group has provided useful reports since 1961.

1. According to Enrique Masferrer Rojas, his brother ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Rolando Masferrer Rojas, former Cuban senator who has been planning action against President François Duvalier of Haiti, left Miami, Florida, for New York on 25 April 1966 to settle several matters pending there. He planned to return to Miami afterward to wait for the right time to invade Haiti.[1]

2. Enrique Masferrer stated that his brother had found somebody who had agreed to transport arms ~~xx~~ from the United States to a point where the invasion forces were to meet. ~~[illegible overtyped text]~~ The acquisition of two aircraft to be used in the invasion effort is still pending. Previously, Rolando Masferrer had said that he would buy or lease them in Miami and then locate a place outside United ~~xxx~~ States territory where they could ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ land and be loaded with bombs.[2]

3. According to Enrique Masferrer, the Haitian who was in Canada arranging various aspects of the operation, had traveled to the United States in the company of two former colonels of the Haitian Army who allegedly had the support of ~~xxxxx~~ 80 to 90 Haitian émigrés.[3] The Haitian émigrés were to meet at ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ an appointed site and be picked up by *[illegible handwriting]* when the time to initiate the plan came about. The former Haitian ~~xxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ colonels have stated that if they succeed in establishing a beachhead in Haiti with the arms and men ~~xxxxxxxxxxx~~ who currently support them, Duvalier will leave the country within 24 hours.

4. Reportedly, Rolando Masferrer had asked representatives of the Institutos Armados de la República de Cuba (Armed Institutes of the Republic of Cuba) to contribute men to the operation. The representatives agreed to ~~xxxx~~ discuss the matter.

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5. Rolando Masferrer again mentioned that his ultimate objective was an attack on ~~Cuba using Haiti as his base.~~

Field Comments

1. Rolando Masferrer has been discussing plans for an invasion of Haiti for many months. TDCSDB-315/00658-66 reported the difficulties he was encountering. See also ~~UFG-8326~~. CSDB-312/01431-66.

2. Among earlier claims by Masferrer was one that he had already purchased the two aircraft. See TDCSDB-315/00289-66 and ~~UFG-8326~~. CSDB-312/01431-66.

3. The Haitian referred to is probably Henri Vixamar, described earlier as a former Haitian and an official of the Republic of Chad. Vixamar left Kingston for Toronto on 12 April by air. There was a previous report on a telephone conversation between Rolando Masferrer, then in Miami, and "the Haitian in Canada" regarding "Operation Haiti." ~~and UFG-8779.~~

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SOURCE: AMOT report EE-5149, 26 April 1966. Paras. 1 to 3: Raul ARANGO de la Noval, who received the information from Enrique Masferrer. Paras. 4 and 5: AMOT-237 from Basilio Jorge PANEQUE Mulet. Field Comment 2: KNGS-2523.

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SUBJECT	Activities of Rolando Masferrer Rojas 201-042667	DATE OF REPORT	29 April 1966
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DATE OF INFO	Mid-April 1966		
PLACE & DATE ACQ	United States, Miami (26 April 1966)		UFG-8225

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SOURCE: A member of a group of Cuban émigrés trained in the techniques of information collection. The group has provided useful reports since 1961.

1. On 21 April 1966 Enrique Masferrer Rojas said that his brother, Rolando Masferrer Rojas, who was in Miami, had received a telephone call from Canada on an unspecified date from the person who was to be the President of Haiti in "Operation Haiti." The Haitian asked Rolando Masferrer to go to Canada ~~to hold discussions~~. Rolando Masferrer replied that he was in a difficult position and could not leave the United States.

The Haitian then asked that Rolando Masferrer send an emissary whom he trusted completely and who was knowledgeable of the ~~details~~ necessary to accomplishing the mission in Haiti. An unidentified emissary left for Canada on 18 or 19 April.

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On 21 April Rolando Masferrer received a telephone call from his emissary in Canada ~~and the Haitian. His representative said that the Haitian~~ he had received a check from the Haitian which was sufficient for their needs.

3. Rolando Masferrer bought a boat on an unspecified date from the Junta Revolucionaria Cubana (JURE, Cuban Revolutionary Junta) for $25,000. The boat, which is in Miami, was then used as security for a loan of $5,000 which will be used to buy arms. According to Enrique Masferrer, everything that is needed has been obtained, and the operation will definitely be carried out.

4. Another Cuban émigré in Miami said that Rolando Masferrer has about 400 men and all of the equipment which is needed for a military operation.

5. According to the emigre, Rolando Masferrer said ~~that he has the right to fight for his native country, and~~ that he has all the equipment that is needed, including two planes and several boats, to carry out his plans. Rolando Masferrer added that he had been persecuted by authorities of the United States Government. He said that after Fidel Castro Ruz has been overthrown he, Masferrer, will leave for Cuba immediately, with or without permission from U. S. authorities. He plans to follow the example of Francisco Caamano Deno, who, with a small group, stood firm, and became a recognized power in the Dominican Republic.

Field Comments.

1. TDCSDB-315/00714-66 gives information on the Masferrer's plans to invade Haiti.

2. The Haitian may be Henri Vixamar, who has previously been reported to be involved in the plans to invade Haiti. He left Kingston, Jamaica, on 12 April for Toronto, Canada.

3. Source Comment. Masferrer's involvement in a plan to invade Haiti may be a subterfuge for obtaining a military force and equipment which will be prepared for action in the event an internal upheaval occurs in Cuba.

Field Comment. Masferrer has a tendency to exaggerate, and he is disliked and distrusted by many Cuban émigrés. TDCSDB-315/00658-66 reported on the difficulties he was encountering in trying to complete his plan for an invasion of Haiti.

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DOI: 2Ø FEBRUARY - 1 MARCH 1966

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1. DURING THE WEEK OF 20 FEBRUARY 1966 IN MIAMI, FLORIDA, ROLANDO MASFERRER ROJAS, ~~ex~~ ~~Cuban~~ ~~a USA~~ FORMER CUBAN SENATOR WHO HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN PLOTTING AGAINST PRESIDENT FRANCOIS DUVALIER OF HAITI STATED THAT THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY THAT DUVALIER WOULD GIVE BASES IN HAITI TO CUBAN EMIGRES IN ORDER TO STOP THEIR PLOTTING AGAINST HIM.

2. ON 25 FEBRUARY EUSEBIO MUJAS BARNIOL, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFEDERACION DE TRABAJADORES CUBANOS EN EL EXILIO (CTCE, CONFEDERATION OF CUBAN WORKERS IN EXILE) SAID THAT AROUND 20 FEBRUARY MASFERRER HAD MET WITH EUGENE L. MAXIMILIEN, HAITIAN CONCUL GENERAL IN MIAMI. MUJAL SAID THAT WHEN HE HAD QUESTIONED MASFERRER ABOUT

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THE MEETING THE LATTER HAD SAID THAT "OTHERS" HAD MET WITH MAXIMILIEN AND THAT ALTHOUGH HE (MASFERRER) HAD NOT BEEN PRESENT HE HAD DETAILS OF THE MEETING.

3. LATE IN FEBRUARY MASFERRER TOLD ATON CONSTANZO PALAU, CUBAN EMIGRE WHO HAS BEEN REPORTED AS WORKING WITH MASFERRER IN ANTI-DUVALIER PLANNING, THAT HE (MASFERRER) HAD TO RETURN TO NEW YORK TO TRY TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HENRI VIXAMAR TO GET MONEY TO CONTINUE THE OPERATION AGAINST HAITI. MASFERRER ADDED THAT VIXAMAR HAD LEFT NASSAU FOR NEW YORK. (FIELD COMMENT: SEE TDCSDB-315/00658-66, WHICH REPORTED MASFERRER'S STATEMENT THAT "THE HAITIAN" WHO WAS DIRECTING THE ANTI-DUVALIER ACTIVITY HAD GONE TO NASSAU. VIXAMAR HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED EARLIER AS A FORMER HAITIAN AND FUNCTIONARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHAD.)

4. ON 1 MARCH GUILLERMO BELT RAMIREZ, PROMINENT CUBAN EMIGRE IN WASHINGTON AND A FORMER CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, TELEPHONED VIRGILIO SANCHEZ OCEJO IN MIAMI AND TOLD HIM TO GET OUT OF THE PLOT AGAINST HAITI AND TO TELL ALL HIS FRIENDS TO DO THE SAME. BELT ADDED THAT HE WAS GOING TO TELEPHONE OTHER CUBAN EMIGRES AND GIVE THEM SIMILAR ADVICE. (FIELD COMMENT: SANCHEZ OCEJO IS PRESIDENT OF THE COMITE PRO-GOBIERNO DE CUBA EN EL EXILIO (CPGCE, COMMITTEE FOR CUBAN GOVERNMENT IN EXILE.) (SOURCE COMMENT: SANCHEZ OCEJO HAD ASKED BELT TO APPROACH UNITED STATES OFFICIALS AND INQUIRE REGARDING MASFERRER'S CLAIMS THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAD APPROVED HIS PLOT TO INVADE HAITI.)

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SUPDATA: ZRWAHOO. NO PROJECT. SOURCE PARA 3 UOAMBER-6 FROM MASFERRER WHO VISITED UOAMBER-6 AT LATTER'S HOME 22 FEB. SOURCE PARAS 5 AND 6 AMOT SOURCE ESIRE-1 WHO ATTENDED MEETING. SOURCE PARAS 7-9 AMOT SOURCE RAUL ARANGO DE LA NOVAL AND ESIRE-1, BOTH OF WHOM ATTENDED. SOURCES REFERRED TO IN PARA 1 UOAMBER-4, UOAMBER-6, AND AMOTS. RE PARA 5 B, SEE WAVE 8587. (IN 38361) INFORMATION FROM UOAMBER-6 AND AMOTS CONFIRMS SECEN NOT INVOLVED. RID INDEX VILABOA, VIXAMAR, ROJAS, SIERRA, HERNANDEZ, PENA, ARIAS, CONSTANZO, LEON. FILED 252347Z

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HAITI/CUBA

SUBJ: DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED BY ROLANDO MASFERRER ROJAS, FORMER CUBAN SENATOR, IN COMPLETING PLANS FOR PROPOSED INVASION OF HAITI.

DOI: 16-23 FEBRUARY 1966

PADA: UNITED STATES, MAIMI (22-23 FEBRUARY 1966)

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SOURCE: (SEE PARAS. 2 AND 4, BELOW)

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SOURCE AND APPRAISAL:

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1. (FIELD COMMENT: INFORMATION DATED 20-23 FEBRUARY 1966 FROM THREE SOURCES WHOSE REPORTING IN THE PAST HAS BEEN RELIABLE INDICATES THAT ROLANDO MASFERRER ROJAS, FORMER CUBAN SENATOR WHO HAS BEEN REPORTED PLANNING AN INVASION OF HAITI IN FEBRUARY USING HAITIAN AND CUBAN EMIGRES, IS HAVING DIFFICULTY RECRUITING MEN TO PARTICIPATE. ACCORDING TO EARLIER INFORMATION, MASFERRER IS DISLIKED AND DISTRUSTED BY MANY CUBAN EMIGRES IN MIAMI.)

2. SOURCE OF PARAGRAPH 3 BELOW: FORMER LATIN AMERICAN DIPLOMAT WHO MAINTAINS RELATIONS WITH OFFICIALS OF LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. SOURCE IS A TRAINED REPORTER AND HIS INFORMATION HAS

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BEEN RELIABLE IN THE PAST.

3. ON 22 FEBRUARY IN MAIMI, FLORIDA, ROLANDO MASFERRER ROJAS SAID THAT HE WAS HAVING DIFFICULTY GETTING HAITIANS TO PARTICIPATE IN HIS PLOT TO INVADE HAITI. HE SAID THAT THE ONLY HAITIAN WORKING WITH HIM IS HENRI VIXAMAR. (FIELD COMMENT: VIXAMAR HAS BEEN DESCRIBED EARLIER AS A FORMER HAITIAN AND A FUNCTIONARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHAD). MASFERRER ADDED THAT HE WAS STILL ATTEMPTING TO FIND HAITIAN EMIGRES WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO TAKE PART.

4. SOURCE OF PARAGRAPHS 5-9, BELOW: A MEMBER OF A GROUP OF CUBAN EMIGRES TRAINED IN THE TECHNIQUES OF INFORMATION COLLECTION. THE GROUP HAS PROVIDED USEFUL REPORTS SINCE 1961.

5. ON 16 FEBRUARY 1966 IN MIAMI MASFERRER MET WITH THE FOLLOWING "STAFF OFFICERS" OF THE PROPOSED INVASION EFFORT:

A. GENERAL STAFF: ANTONIO ROJAS MASFERRER, LUIS SIERRA LOPEZ, AND JUAN HERNANDEZ. HERNANDEZ, WHO RESIDES AT 569 SW TENTH STREET, APARTMENT B, MIAMI, HAS BEEN APPOINTED RECRUITMENT CHIEF.

B. CHIEF OF OPERATIONS: VLADIMIR SECEN, WHO WAS NOT PRESENT AT THE MEETING. (FIELD COMMENT: SOURCE REPORTED LATE THAT MASFERRER HAD APPOINTED VILABOA TO REPLACE SECEN AS CHIEF OF OPERATIONS. ACCORDING TO ANOTHER SOURCE WHO REPORTING HAS BEEN RELIABLE IN THE PAST, SECEN HAS TOLD FRIENDS AND CONTACTS IN THE HAITIAN AND CUBAN EMIGRE COMMUNITIES IN MIAMI THAT HE IS NOT INVOLVED IN MASFERRER'S PLOTTING AND THAT HE WILL NOT SUPPORT IT IN ANY WAY.)

1S.A BATTALION COMMANDER: NAPOLEON VILABOA LLERENA.

D. COMPANY COMMANDERS: ODONIEL PENA ENTENZA, WHO RESIDES AT 1516 SW THIRD STREET, MIAMI; ERIC ARIAS ARIAS; AND ATON CONSTANZO PALAU.

6. AT THE MEETING ON 16 FEBRUARY ANTONIO ROJAS SAID THAT WEAPONS AS FOLLOWS HAD BEEN ACQUIRED FOR THE INVASION ATTEMPT AND THAT THEY WERE IN FIRST-CLASS CONDITION:

TWENTY OR MORE 30-CALIBER MACHINE GUNS

TEN 50-CALIBER MACHINE GUNS

FOUR 81-MM MORTARS

EIGHT 60-MM MORTARS

FIVE BAZOOKAS

AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF AR-15, M-1, AND M-14 RIFLES

ONE THOUSAND HAND GRANADES

HAND GUNS AND SUFFICIENT AMMUNITION

7. ON 21 FEBRUARY AT ANOTHER MEETING OF ESSENTIALLY THE SAME GROUP, MASFERRER TOLD THOSE PRESENT THAT HE WAS DISGUSTED SINCE HE HAD EXPECTED TO HAVE DEFINITE NEWS THAT DAY. INSTEAD, HE HAD RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM THE HAITIAN WHO WAS DIRECTING THE AFFAIR ORDERING A CHANGE OF PLANS. MASFERRER SAID THAT THE HAITIAN (WHOM HE DID NOT IDENTIFY) HAD (A) GONE TO NASSAU; (B) SAID THAT THE OPERATION COULD BE CARRIED OUT WITH 125 MEN INSTEAD OF 300; AND (C) ORDERED ALL WEAPONS IN MIAMI AND NEW YORK TRANSFERRED TO THE BAHAMAS. (FIELD COMMENT: MASFERRER UNDOUBTEDLY WAS REFERRING TO

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HENRI VIXAMAR.)

8. MASFERRER SAID THAT HE HAD SENT A LETTER TO THE HAITIAN IN NASSAU CLARIFYING SOME MATTERS AND REMINDING HIM OF THEIR PREVIOUS AGREEMENT. IF BY 22 FEBRUARY MASFERRER HAD NOT RECEIVED AN ANSWER TO HIS LETTER HE WOULD SEND LUIS SIERRA LOPEZ TO NASSAU TO MEET WITH THE HAITIAN AND "LAY THE CARDS ON THE TABLE". MASFERRER ADDED THAT IN THE MEANTIME ATTEMPTS TO RECRUIT 300 TO 400 MEN MUST BE CONTINUED, AND IN CASE THE HAITIAN EFFORT FAILED THEN THESE MEN COULD BE USED "IN SOME OTHER WAY". MASFERRER SAID THAT HE HOPED TO HAVE DEFINITE NEWS TO ANNOUNCE AT ANOTHER MEETING TO BE HELD ON THE EVENING OF 23 FEBRUARY. (FIELD COMMENT: A CHECK WITH U.S. GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES IN MIAMI ON 25 FEBRUARY FAILED TO SHOW ANY RECORD OF RECENT TRAVEL TO NASSAU BY SIERRA).

9. AT THE MEETING ON 21 FEBRUARY MASFERRER ASKED HOMERO LEON FERNANDEZ WHETHER THE LATTER WAS READY TO FURNISH 100 MEN FOR THE INVASION OF HAITI, AS HE HAD PROMISED EARLIER. LEON ANSWERED THAT HE WAS. (FIELD COMMENT: LEON, A CUBAN EMIGRE, IS A LEADER OF THE FUERZAS ARMADAS CONSTITUCIONALES DE CUBA EN EL EXILIO (FACCE, CONSTITUTIONAL ARMED FORCES OF CUBA IN EXILE). FOR EARLIER INFORMATION ON HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH MASFERRER, SEE (CSDB-312/02276-65.)

10. FIELD DISSEM: CINCSO, CINCLANT, COMKWESTFOR, MIAMI REPS OF STATE, FBI, CUSTOMS, BORDER PATROL, I&NS, AND USCG (ALSO SENT PORT-AU-PRINCE, SANTO DOMINGO, MANAGUA, TEGUCIGALPA).

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TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attention: Mr. S. J. Papich

FROM : Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT : Revolutionary Planning of Haitian/Cuban Emigre Group

1. Reference is made to this Agency's dissemination TDCSDB-315/00071-66, dated 7 January 1966.

2. In addition to the information contained in the referenced report, we believe it will be of interest to your Bureau to note that Rolando MASFERRER Rojas said that he (Masferrer) is keeping in constant touch with an agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in New York. As you know, Masferrer, a former Cuban senator, is a leader in a Haitian/Cuban emigre group that is plotting the overthrow of Haitian President Francois Duvalier.

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SUBJ: 1. SHIPMENT FROM NEW YORK TO MIAMI OF ARMS FOR USE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF HAITI

2. ATTEMPT BY HAITIAN/CUBAN EMIGRE GROUP LEADER TO HAVE THE INSURRECTIONAL MOVEMENT FOR REVOLUTIONARY RECOVERY

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(MIRR) CARRY OUT SABOTAGE ACTIVITY AGAINST HAITI

DOI: 4 JANUARY 1966

PADA: UNITED STATES, MIAMI (6 JANUARY 1966)

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1. (FIELD COMMENT: THE ACTIVITIES OF ROLANDO MASFERRER ROJAS, 201-042669 cit Cuba res U.S.A. FORMER CUBAN SENATOR, AS A LEADER OF A HAITIAN/CUBAN EMIGRE GROUP PLANNING ACTION AGAINST PRESIDENT FRANCOIS DUVALIER OF HAITI HAVE BEEN REPORTED ON EARLIER. ANTONIO ROJAS MASFERRER, cit: Cuba? res Miami, Florida, U.S.A. HIS COUSIN, HAS BEEN REPORTED, BY THE SOURCE OF THE INFORMATION BELOW, TO BE THE COORDINATOR IN MIAMI, FLORIDA, FOR THE EMIGRE ACTION AGAINST HAITI.)

2. ON 4 JANUARY 1966, IN MIAMI, FLORIDA, ANTONIO ROJAS MASFERRER SAID THAT ROLANDO MASFERRER ROJAS HAD RECENTLY SENT TO MIAMI FROM NEW YORK A NUMBER OF RIFLES, 30-CALIBER MACHINE GUNS,

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AND PISTOLS BECAUSE HE WAS AFRAID THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) IN NEW YORK WOULD FIND AND CONFISCATE THEM.

3. ANTONIO ROJAS ALSO SAID THAT ROLANDO MASFERRER HAD ORIGINALLLY PLANNED TO HAVE HIM (ANTONIO ROJAS) RECEIVE AND TAKE CARE OF THE WEAPONS IN MIAMI, BUT THAT SINCE MASFERRER NOW BELIEVES THE FBI IS WATCHING ROJAS HE HAS PUT RODOLFO MASFERRER ROJAS, HIS BROTHER, IN CHARGE OF THE WEAPONS. ROLANDO MASFERRER HAD CAUTIONED HIS BROTHER TO STAY AWAY FROM THE PLACES WHERE THE WEAPONS ARE HIDDEN.

cit. Cuba? a Miami Florida, U.S.A. for the proposed Haitian invasion

4. ACCORDING TO ROJAS, ROLANDO MASFERRER IS IN TOUCH WITH THE MOVIMIENTO INSURRECCIONAL DE RECUPERACION REVOLUCIONARIA (MIRR, INSURRECTIONAL MOVEMENT FOR REVOLUTIONARY RECOVERY), A CUBAN EMIGRE GROUP LED BY ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA, TO TRY TO INFLUENCE THE MIRR TO CARRY OUT SABOTAGE ACTIVITY AGAINST HAITI. MASFERRER HOPES THIS ACTIVITY WILL SPARK A REVOLUTION IN HAITI.

5. ANTONIO ROJAS SAID THAT ROLANDO MASFERRER HAD TOLD ALL THOSE CONCERNED WITH THE PLOT AGAINST DUVALIER TO PASS THE WORD, SO THAT IT WOULD REACH UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES, THAT NOTHING IS BEING DONE AGAINST DUVALIER AND THAT THE EXILES ARE DISCOURAGED. MASFERRER BELIEVES THIS WILL CAUSE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES TO RELAX THEIR SURVEILLANCE, PERMITTING THE EXILES TO MOVE MORE FREELY.

6. FIELD DISSEM: CINCSO, CINCLANT, COMKWESTFOR, MIAMI REPS OF STATE, FBI, CUSTOMS, BORDER PATROL, I&NS, AND USCG (ALSO SENT PORT-AU-PRINCE).

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